

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

According to the information furnished by the Principal agencies concerned, the position is as below:-

1. DELHI ADMINISTRATION (DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION)

In so far as the schools run by the Delhi Administration are concerned, the following posts are vacant:-

Principals	60
Vice-Principals	60
PGT	240
TGT and equivalent	1450

As regards filling up of these posts, a competitive written test for recruitment of PST, TGT and PGT was held in March/April, 1991 and the results in respect of PST and TGT have been declared. Delhi Administration has also issued orders for promotion in respect of 57 vacancies of Principals on an ad-hoc basis while the requisition for filling up the remaining posts of Principals under direct recruitment quota has been sent to the UPSC.

2. MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI

In the schools under MCD about 700 posts of teachers are lying vacant. These posts have been lying vacant for about 6 months due to retirement/promotion of teachers. The Staff Selection Commission has been entrusted with selection of teachers for recruitment against the vacant posts.

3. NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

In the schools under NDMC, only the following posts are vacant:-

PGT	3
TGT Science (A)	9
TGT Science (B)	1

The above posts were created during the last academic year. Selection for the posts of TGT Science (A) has since been made.

[English]

Incidences of Kala-Azar in the Country

2735. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present situation with regard to incidences of Kala-Azar in the country; State-wise;

(b) the number of cases reported, State-wise and Year-wise during the last three years;

(c) the degree of availability of anti Kala-Azar medicines in the open market and in Government hospitals; and

(d) the steps taken to eradicate Kala-Azar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Presently Kala azar is being reported from three States namely Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh with stray cases in Tamil Nadu Imported from either Bihar or West Bengal. As per the reports received from the State Government, the number of cases reported due to Kala azar, State-wise, during the last three years is given below:-

STATEMENT

S. No.	State	1988		1989		1990 (Prov)		1991 (prov)	
		C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Bihar	19639	123	30903	477	54650	589	6473	50
2.	West Bengal	13068	2	3573	20	3037	16	194	—
3.	Uttar Pradesh	19	6	2	—	8	1	—	—
Total		22726	131	34478	497	57795	606	6669	50

(c) There are two drug of choice for treatment of Kalazar. Sodium Stubo Gluconate the first drug of choice is produced indigenously and is available in open market freely. This drug is also procured by the State Governments and distributed to various Primary Health Centres and Government Hospitals in effective districts. The second line of treatment which is an imported drug called Pentamidine Isothionate is not available in the market. The Government of India imports this drug and supply to the affected States against their requirement. This drug is mainly used in Bihar in patients who does not respond to first line of treatment with Sodium Stubo-Gluconate.

(d) Specific action Plans have been prepared in consultation with the concerned State Government with the following strategies:-

1. Early case detection and establishment of adequate treatment facilities.
2. Organising effective insecticidal spray for interruption of transmission.
3. Organising health education activities and training of medical and para-medical personnel.
4. Treatment of Kala-azar cases with appropriate drugs.
5. Adequate stocking of anti-Kala-azar drugs.

[Translation]

Expansion of Forests Area

2736. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of forest land in the country at present;

(b) the percentage of forests under Central Reserve Forests and the forests under the Control of State Governments;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for the expansion of forests and to check the continuous felling of trees;

(d) the policy of the Government regarding the rights of tribals on the traditional lands in the forest areas;

(e) whether compensation is given to the tribals for the income generated from their forests; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the 'State of Forest Report 1989 the percentage of forest land in the country is 22.8%.

(b) There is no legal classification as Central Reserve Forest. However, the total recorded forest area under the control of States/UTs is 75.18 million ha.

(c) The following steps are being taken by the Government for expansion of forests and to check felling of trees;

i) Massive afforestation programme has been launched under the 20 Point Programme including Social Forestry Scheme.

ii) Central Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments/UTs.,

to consider banning tree felling in the hills above 1,000 metres, at least for some years.

- to avoid clear felling of natural forests and where such fellings are inevitable for restoration of forest crop or other silviculture